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SUMMARY: BELOW IS BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON NARA OFFICIALS
MENTIONED IN REFTEL, INCLUDED ARE ACM HARIN HONGSAKUN,
SPEAKER; DR. UKRIT MONGKHONNAWIN, FIRST DEPUTY SPEAKER,
AND KRIANG KIRATIKON, SECOND DEPUTY SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL
ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM ASSEMBLY (NARA). END SUMMARY

1. ACM HARIN HONGSAKUN

BORN IN CHIANG MAI ON AUGUST 29, 1914, ACM HARIN FINISHED
HIS EARLY STUDIES AT WAT BOWON SCHOOL IN 1926, THE SAME
YEAR AS GEN. LEK NAEOMALI (DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER). HE
COMPLETED HIS HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION AT THEPSIRIN SCHOOL.
HE HAD TO WITHDRAW FROM CHULALONGKON UNIVERSITY IN HIS
SECOND YEAR, AND ENROLLED AT THE ARMY CADET ACADEMY
IN 1934. HE LATER TRANSFERRED TO THE AIR FORCE SCHOOL.
HE COMPLETED COURSES AT THE AIR FORCE STAFF COLLEGES IN THE UNITED
KINGDON AND AIR NAVIGATION SCHOOL, U.S. ARMY AIR FORCES, IN 1940.
ACM HARIN STARTED HIS ACTIVE SERVICE CAREER AS FIGHTER PILOT, THEN
BECAM SUCCESSIVELY AID-DE-CAMP TO THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF; SECTION
CHIEF OF THE AIR FORCE STAFF COLLEGE; AIR FORCE ATTACHE IN LONDON;
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COMMANDER OF THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY; DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AT THE

STAFF COLLEGE; DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE AIR FORCE; AND THEN DEPUTY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF. IN 1945 HE WAS IN THE ANTI-JAPANESE FREE THAI MOVEMENT IN INDIA.

2. POLITICALLY, ACM HARIN WAS A MEMBER OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL DRAFTING COMMITTEE IN 1961; SENATOR IN 1969 AND 1976; AND MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY IN 1973. A CLOSE FRIEND OF RETIRED ACM THAWI CHUNLASAP, HARIN WAS PROMOTED TO AVM IN 1955, AM IN 1957 AND ACM IN 1961. HOWEVER, HE WAS KEPT AS DEPUTY COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF 14 YEARS UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 1974. AN OUTGOING AND POPULAR OFFICER, AIR MARSHAL HARIN IS ALSO A GOOD WRITER OF BOTH PROSE AND POETRY. UNDER HIS PEN NAME OF "SI DOW" (FOUR STARS), HIS ARTICLES APPEAR REGULARLY IN AIR FORCE MAGAZINES. HE IS ALSO THE AUTHOR OF SEVERAL BOOKS ON AIR POWER AND THE THAI AIR FORCE.

3. HE IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER MISS THAILAND, KHUNYING SAWANGCHIT (KHARUHANON); THEY HAVE THREE CHILDREN. THEIR DAUGHTER, AIR FORCE CAPT. SAHATAYA IS MARRIED TO POL. LT. COL. KIATTISAK PRAPHAWAT; ANOTHER DAUGHTER, KHUNYING SATTHANA IS THE WIFE OF MAJ. M.R. THAWANMONGKHON SONAKUN. KHUNYING SATTHANA IS LADY-IN-WAITING TO THE QUEEN. THEIR ONLY SON, LT. RAWIN, IS MARRIED TO NGAMPHROM (SIRIWONG), YOUNGER SISTER OF KWANTA, WIFE OF M.R. THEP THEWAKUN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, MFA. MARSHAL HARIN'S MAIN HOBBY IS GARDENING.

4. ACM HARIN, WHO SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH, IS CONSIDERED TO BE WELL-DISPOSED TO THE UNITED STATES AND AT ONE TIME WAS CHARACTERIZED AS THE LEADING EXPONENT OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THAILAND. HE IS APOLITICAL AND VERY OUTSPOKEN AGAINST MILITARY OFFICERS WHO ARE INVOLVED IN POLITICS.

5. ACM HARIN IS WELL CONNECTED IN RTAF AND IN SOCIAL CIRCLES. DURING HIS LONG TERM AS ASSISTANT COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, HE WORKED ALMOST FULL TIME ON THAI AIRWAYS, INC., THAILAND'S DOMESTIC AIRLINE.

6. UKRIT MONGKHONNAWIN. BORN IN BANGKOK ON MARCH 10, 1934, DR. UKRIT RECEIVED A BA IN LAW IN 1958 AND A BA IN SOCIAL SCIENCES IN 1959 FROM THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY. HE THEN WENT TO PARIS TO CONTINUE HIS STUDIES IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LAW UNDER A FRENCH GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP AND BECAME A DOCTEUR-EN-DROIT IN 1966. HE RETURNED TO THAILAND TO BECOME INSTRUCTOR IN THE LAW DEPARTMENT OF THE FACULTY OF POLITICAL SCIENCES, CHULALONGKON UNIVERSITY, IN JULY, 1966. HE WAS PROMOTED TO SENIOR INSTRUCTOR IN 1970 AND ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, FACULTY OF LAW, IN 1971. AT 38, AFTER ONLY 6 YEARS AS PROFESSOR, HE WAS APPOINTED DEAN

OF THE LAW FACULTY AT CHULALONGKON IN OCT. 1972. HE RESIGNED IN

JULY, 1974, OVER "EXCESSIVE DEMANDS" BY LAW STUDENTS WHO DEMANDED REFORM OF THE FACULTY EDUCATION SYSTEM. HE RESUMED THE POST IN DECEMBER OF THE SAME YEAR.

7. DR. UKRIT WAS APPOINTED TO THE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY IN DECEMBER, 1973. IN APRIL 1974, HE WAS APPOINTED AS DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CORRUPTION SUPPRESSION COMMITTEE (AKA ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMITTEE). HE LATER BECAME ITS SECRETARY-GENERAL. HE WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL AUDIT COUNCIL IN 1974, AS WELL AS LEGAL ADVISOR TO SEAMES AND THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S SECURITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE UNDER THE THANOM REGIME. DR. UKRIT ALSO TEACHES AT THAMMASAT AND RAMKHAMHAENG UNIVERSITIES AND THE POLICE CADET ACADEMY. HE IS THE AUTHOR OF SEVERAL TEXTBOOKS ON CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL LAW AND IS A FREQUENT CONTRIBUTOR TO MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS. HE IS A REGULAR LECTURER ON THE UNIVERSITY OF THE AIR PROGRAM.

8. DR. UKRIT OWNS A FLOURISHING LAW FIRM AND IS INVOLVED IN A REAL ESTATE VENTURE IN BANGKOK'S NEARBY BEACH RESORT, PATTAYA. HE IS ALSO A SHAREHOLDER IN THE U.S. INVESTMENT AND TRUST CO., AND GENERAL MOTORS (THAILAND). HIS HOBBIES ARE TRAVELLING AND INTERIOR DECORATING. HIS WIFE, MONTINI, IS THE DAUGHTER OF MRS. RAEM PHROMMOBON BUNYAPRASOP, A PROMINENT LAWYER AND SEVERAL TIMES EX-SENATOR, WHO IS INFLUENTIAL IN POLITICAL CIRCLES. MRS. MONTINI IS A LECTURER AT THE FACULTY OF ACCOUNTANCY AT CHULALONGKON UNIVERSITY. THEY WERE MARRIED IN 1974 AND HAVE NO CHILDREN AS YET.

9. KRIANG KIRATIKON
THEXZETIRED MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OFFICIAL RECEIVED HIS PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION IN PHITSANULOK, ALTHOUGH HE WAS BORN IN UTTARADIT ON MAY 26, 1912. HE RECEIVED HIS BA FROM CHULALONGKON UNIVERSITY IN 1930, AND ANOTHER BA DEGREE IN LAW FROM THAMMASAT
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UNIVERSITY IN 1933. HE WENT ON OBSERVATION TOURS TO EUROPE DURING 1948 AND 1949; TO THE USA DURING 1953 AND 1954; AND TO ASIA DURING 1955 AND 1956. KRIANG BEGAN HIS GOVERNMENT CAREER AS A TEACHER AT THE GENERAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN 1933; BECAME RAYONG PROVINCE EDUCATION OFFICER IN 1937; WAS MADE SECTION CHIEF OF THE ADULT EDUCATION DIVISION IN 1940; CHIEF OF PRIVATE SCHOOL DIVISION IN 1947; CHIEF OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION DIVISION IN 1951; DIRECTOR OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION DIVISION IN 1954; DEPUTY UNDER-SECRETARY OF EDUCATION IN 1959; AND DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE GENERAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN 1961, HOLDING THAT POST TILL HE RETIRED IN 1972.

10. HE WAS KNOWN AS KRIANG IAMSAKUN UNTIL HE CHANGED IT TO KIRATIKON IN MID-1972, A SURNAME WHICH WAS SELECTED BY THE KING. AFTER HE RETIRED, HE WAS NAMED TO THE SENATE, AND IN JUNE 1974,

HE WAS NAMED MINISTER OF EDUCATION BY PRIME MINISTER SANYA THAMMASAK. KRIANG WAS A LACKLUSTER MINISTER OF EDUCATION IN THE SECOND SANYA CABINET. HE WAS REAPPOINTED TO THE SENATE IN 1975. A SINO-THAI, KRIANG IS WELL VERSED IN CHINESE. A LONG-TIME WIDOWER, KRIANG MARRIED HIS PRESENT WIFE, CHAWIWAN, IN 1974.

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